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SUBJECT: FRG POSITION ON DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILE

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1. EMBOFF CONVEYED INFO REFTEL (B) TO SCHULENBURG OF FONOFF'S DESK FOR WESTERN LA. SCHULENBURG EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND FULL UNDERSTANDING FOR US DESIRE TO AVOID ACTS WHICH MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS POSITIVE APPROVAL.

2. AS FOR RECOGNITION BY FRG, SCHULENBURG SAID IT HAD NOT YET TAKEN PLACE BUT WOULD VERY SOON. FRG AMBASSADOR (SEE PARA.2 REFTEL A) HAD STOPPED OFF IN BUENOS AIRES AND NOT YET RETURNED SANTIAGO. FRG HAD BEEN CONSULTING ALSO WITH EUROPEAN ALLIES WITH A VIEW TO COORDINATING RECOGNITION POLICY. FRANCE HAD RECOGNISED SEPTEMBER 18. FRG WAS NOW WAITING FOR BRITISH DECISION, HOPING TO PROCEED AT ABOUT SAME TIME; HOWEVER, IF BRITISH DELAYED VERY LONG, GERMANS WOULD DEFINITELY MOVE ON THEIR OWN. DECISION ALREADY TAKEN BY CHANCELLOR BRANDT TO DO SO. AMONG MOTIVATING FACTORS WERE GERMAN CONVICTION THAT JUNTA IN FACT HAD SITUATION FIRMLY UNDER CONTROL; NEED TO DEAL URGENTLY WITH CERTAIN

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CONSULAR CASES, INCLUDING TWO GERMAN STUDENTS ARRESTED

AS ALLENDE SUPPORTERS; AND GENERAL PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH LARGE NUMBER OF GERMANS IN CHILE AND BROAD FRG INTERESTS IN THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING SUBSTANTIAL AID PROGRAM.

3. WITH REGARD TO AID, SCHULENBURG ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE COULD BE SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FONOFF AND FRG AID MINISTRY. UNDER LEFT-LEANING MINISTER EPPLER (SPD), AID MINISTRY HAD STRONG INTEREST IN SUCCESS OF "ALLENDE EXPERIMENT." ITS DISAPPOINTMENT WITH DISASTROUS OUTCOME WAS EMPHASIZED BY APPEARANCE OF EPPLER'S PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRETARY, MATTHOEFER, AT SEPTEMBER 17 DEMONSTRATION AGAINST PUTSCHISTS. SCHULENBURG SAID FONOFF POSITION IS THAT AT VERY LEAST ALL AID PROJECTS ON WHICH THERE HAS BEEN FORMAL AGREEMENT SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT. HOWEVER, HE CLEARLY REGARDS A HARD INTER-AGENCY FIGHT ON THIS ISSUE AS BEING VERY MUCH WITHIN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY.

4. IN THIS CONNECTION, SCHULENBURG MENTIONED THAT THE SPD'S FOREIGN POLICY COMMISSION HAS PREPARED A RATHER SHARPLY WORDED RESOLUTION ON CHILE WHICH WILL SOON BE INTRODUCED INTO THE BUNDESTAG. THE RESOLUTION REGRETS THE DOWNFALL OF ANOTHER PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY IN LA, CONDEMNS THE ALLEGED HARSH TREATMENT OF ALLENDE SUPPORTERS, AND CALLS ON THE FRG GOVERNMENT TO USE ALL INFLUENCE AT ITS DISPOSAL TO HASTEN THE RETURN TO PARLIAMENTARY LEGITIMACY IN CHILE. IT STOPS SHORT, HOWEVER, OF CALLING EITHER FOR A BREAK IN RELATIONS OR IN THE FLOW OF ASSISTANCE TO CHILE.

5. SCHULENBURG SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO PROBLEMS AT CHILEAN EMBASSY HERE COMPARABLE TO THOSE IN LONDON. AMBASSADOR KLEIN RESIGNED VOLUNTARILY IN FAVOR OF THE NEW CHARGE, VALDEZ, WHO SCHULENBURG SAID HAD RECENTLY SPENT SEVERAL YEARS IN WASHINGTON. IT NOT CLEAR WHETHER KLEIN WILL STAY HERE OR RETURN TO CHILE, BUT SCHULENBURG NOTED HE HAS NAVAL OFFICER SON WHO PARTICIPATED IN PUTSCH, WHICH MIGHT EASE THINGS SOMEWHAT SHOULD HE DECIDE TO RETURN.

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